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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Re: *CC Docket 96-45*
Request to Withdraw Supplemental Comments

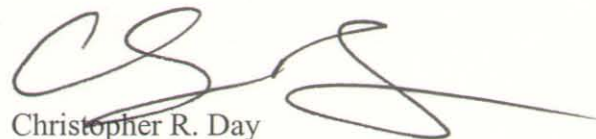
Dear Ms. Salas:

On August 6, 2001, the United States Catholic Conference, Benton Foundation, Center for Media Education, Consumer Action, Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, Migrant Legal Action Program and Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless ("U.S. Catholic Conference, *et al.*") filed Comments Updating Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification in the above-captioned proceeding. On September 4, 2001, U.S. Catholic Conference, *et al.* also filed Reply Comments in this proceeding.

At the request of Common Carrier Bureau staff, U.S. Catholic Conference, *et al.*, through undersigned counsel, now requests that the Comments and Reply Comments be withdrawn. It is our understanding that the issues discussed in the comments will now be addressed in the Commission's pending Lifeline Eligibility proceeding.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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